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I am sure you've received a fair amount of mail on this subject, so I'll cut to my brief opinion:

RedHat's proposal, if enacted, would be very good for our schools, very good for the Open Source movement and subsequently good for all industries which rely on computing. It would be bad for Microsoft. Very bad. And Microsoft knows this very well.

If this is **not** already the view of the Department of Justice, than my opinion is that the DoJ should fully explore the implications of RedHat's proposal and seriously listen to the Open Source and broader computing communities. If the DoJ already sees the positive outcome of supporting some variant of RedHat's proposal, then you should do so. Punish Microsoft in a **real** way that doesn't actually **help** them monopolize computing further, and doesn't push a bloated commercial monopoly into the infrastructure of our public education system.

Respectfully,

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